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SUBJECT: HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SEMINAR

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1. DISCUSSED SEMINAR WITH PAREDES JULY 15. HE BELIEVES IMPORTANT - AND POST AGREES - HAVE TWO AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS, PREFERABLY JAMES FITCH AND PUERTO RICAN RICARDO ALEGRIA, WITH WHOM HE DISCUSSED SEMINAR IN SAN JUAN. ALGERIA WAS DIRECTOR OF PUERTO RICAN INSTITUTE CULTURE 1955-73 AND NOW OCCUPIES CABINET-LEVEL POSITION AS PUERTO RICO'S SECRETARY FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS. DID GRADUATE WORK UNIVERSITIES CHICAGO AND HARVARD. FOUNDED CENTER FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND WAS DIRECTOR MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY, HISTORY AND ART AT UNIVERSITY PUERTO RICO. HAS HAD BROAD EXPERIENCE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION IN PUERTO RICO WHICH PAREDES BELIEVES DIRECTLY APPLICABLE TO PERUVIAN SITUATION. COMBINATION SCHOLAR FITCH'S BACKGROUND AND STATURE WITH SPANISH-SPEAKING EXPERT ALEGRIA'S EXPERIENCE AND CALIBER WOULD MAKE OUTSTANDING TEAM. PAREDES BELIEVES ALEGRIA WOULD BE INTERESTED AND WILLING PARTICIPATE.

2. IMPOSSIBLE ORGANIZE SEMINAR IN AUGUST. OCTOBER PREFERABLE, THOUGH LATE SEPTEMBER POSSIBLE. REGRET CANNOT MEET FITCH'S PREFERENCE, BUT HOPE HE CAN ACCOMMODATE TO LATER TIMING.

3. PAREDES PREPARING PRELIMINARY OUTLINE OF PROGRAM.

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WHICH, WITH INCLUSION VISITS CUZCO AND ONE OTHER PROVINCIAL

SITE, SHOULD REQUIRE MINIMUM 10 DAYS/2 WEEKS.

4. IN ADDITION HIS DUTIES AS SENIOR ADVISOR ON
TOURISM TO MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND TOURISM, PAREDES
CURRENTLY DETAILED HALF-TIME AS SPECIAL ADVISOR TO MINISTER
OF HOUSING (NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTER, ADMIRAL ISAIS PAREDES,
IS HIS BROTHER). EXPECTS HAVE FULL COOPERATION AND
SPONSORSHIP SEMINAR BOTH MINISTRIES AS WELL AS NATIONAL
INSTITUTE CULTURE AND LIMA INSTITUTE URBAN PLANNING. AUDIENCE
WILL BE HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS IN FIELD.
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